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1. IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION ON FEB? 26. FOREIGN MINISTER MARIANO RUMOR SAID THE GOI HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM THE UNITED STATES REGARDING CHARGES OF CIA INTERFERENCE IN ITALIAN AFFAIRS AND LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO ITALIAN OFFICIALS. IN HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS RUMOR SAID THAT, SINCE THESE TWO CASES REFLECT ON ITALY'S RELATIONS WITH ONE OF ITS CLOSEST ALLIES: "I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ID DOES AND SHOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING THAT THERE IS NOT CHANGE IN ITALY'S POLICY OF ALLIANCE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE GREAT AMERICAN DEMOCRACY WHICH IS AND REMAINS A BASIC POINT OF REFERENCE IN OUR COUNTRY'S WORLD STRATEGY."

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE PIKE COMMISSION REPORT ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN WHICH IT IS ALLEGED THAT REFERENCE WAS MADE TO INTERFERENCE IN ITALIAN POLITICAL AFFAIRS THROUGH POLITICAL PAYMENTS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT ON JAN. 28 HE INSTRUCTED THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN WAHSINGTON TO OBTAIN CLEAR AND COMPLETE INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD. THE FOLLOWING DAY AMBASSADOR GAJA MET UNDER

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SECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH SISCO WHO "FORMALLY DENIED THAT ANY

DECISION WAS MADE LAST DECEMBER TO MAKE PAYMENTS TOTALLING SIX MILLION DOLLARS TO ITALIAN POLITICIANS"... "RUMOR ADDED THAT MR. SISCO GAVE ASSURANCES THE SUBJECT REQUEST WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT FORD. ON THE SAME OCCASION, ACCORDING TO RUMOR, SISCO SAID A DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO REQUEST THAT THE US CONGRESS REMOVE FROM THE REPORT DATA WHICH THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES COULD DAMAGE THE SECURITY AND INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION ON FEB. 13 OF FURTHER INDISCRETIONS BY THE NEW YORK WEEKLY, THE VILLAGE VOICE, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR GAJA TO OBTAIN ANY FRUTHER INFORMATION INDICATING PARTICULARLY WHEN THE PIKE COMMISSIO REPORT MAY BE OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED AND TO TRANSMIT SUCH TEXTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. RUMOR NOTED THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE VERSIONS OF THE PIKE REPORT. ACCORDING TO RUMOR, AMBASSADOR GAJA REPORTED THAT HE IS UNABLE TO SAY WHEN THE PIKE REPORT MAY BE PUBLISHED BECAUSE PRESIDENT FORD HAS SAID HE WILL NOT AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION. "RUMOR SAID, "I INTEND, HOWEVER, TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO OBTAIN THE (PIKE) REPORT.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE CHURCH REPORT WHICH WAS PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY FOUR AS A COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTTED BY THE ARTHUR YOUNG COMPANY AND THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN POLITICIANS AND LOCKHEED OPERATIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ITALY, RUMOR NOTED THAT ON FEB. 5 THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTED AMBASSADOR GAJA TO OBTAIN RELEVANT INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION FROM THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE ON THESE SUBJECTS. RUMOR SAID THESE DOCUMENTS WERE OBTAINED AND TRANSMITTED BY THE ITALIAN EMBASSY TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH FORWARDED THEM TO THE ITALIAN STATE PROSECUTOR WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THE ROME COURT SINCE THE LATTER HAD REQUESTED SUCH. ROMOR ADDED THAT THE DOCUMENTATION PUBLISHED IN WASINGTON ON FEB. 4 AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSMITTED BY THE EMBASSY TO THE MINISTRY WAS NOT COMPLETE. "SOME PAGES WERE MISSING, NOT HAVING BEEN MADE PUBLIC BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE". IN TRANSMITTING THIS DOCUMENTATION, AMBASSADOR GAJA CALLED TO THE MINISTRY'S ATTENTION THE FACT THAT OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBCOMMITTEE INFORMED HIM THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE DECIDED NOT TO PUBLISH SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BY LOCKHEED. THE MISSING PAHES OF THE REPORT CONTAINED THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION. HAVING RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT PART OF THE MISSING PAGES IN THE CHURCH REPORT DEALT WITH ITALY, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTRUCTED THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON FEB. 19, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE ENTIRE MATTER, ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN TO THE ITALIAN EMBASSY TO REQUEST THE UNITED STATES

SENATE TO MAKE THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE CHURCH REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE GOI. AMBASSADOR GAJA MET WITH SENATOR CHURCH ON FEB. 20 TO MAKE THIS REQUEST. SENATOR CHURCH REPLIED THAT JUDICIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS DO NOT PERMIT AN ORGAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE USG TO FURNISH SUCH DOCUMENTATION DIRECTLY TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT. "THE ITALIAN REQUEST MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE..." AMBASSADOR GAJA MADE SUCH A REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON FEB. 20 AND WAS GIVEN ORAL ASSURANCE A REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROVIDED A WRITTEN RESPONSE FEB. 25 INDICATING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS STUDYING POSSIBLE PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH INTERESTED FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MAY BE PERMITTED TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTATION WHICH IS IN THE HANDS OF THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE.

5. IN CONCLUDING HIS STATEMENT, RUMOR SAID THAT WHILE HIS MINISTRY IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CLARIFY ALLEGATIONS REGARDING THE CIA AND LOCKHEED "WE ARE DEALING WITH THE DECISIONS OF ENTITIES OF ANOTHER SOVEREIGN COUNTRY WHICH IN THEIR TOTALITY OR IN PART INVOLVE SPECIFIC PROCEDURES AND CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS. IT IS OUR FIRM INTENTION, NEVERTHELESS, TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ALL USEFUL INFORMATION WHICH WILL CLARIFY THE TRUTH."

6. DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WHICH FOLLOVED FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR'S REMARKS, THE FIRST SPEAKER WAS PCI DEPUTY CARDIA, WHO REQUESTED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO CLARIFY THE CHARGES IN THE PIKE REPORT IN ORDER TO "MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHICH ALSO WE HOLD TO BE IMPORTANT." PSI DEPUTY RICCARDO LOMBARDI SAID "THE TOTAL ABSENCE OF INFORMATION AND CONTROL BY PARLIAMENT OF MATTERS AFFECTING ARMAMENTS AND MILITARY SUPPLIES HAS PERMITTED A SERIES OF UNCONTROLLED ACTIVITIES TO FLOURISH WHICH ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISTURBING OUR POLITICAL LIFE." LOMBARDI REQUESTED THAT THE GOI ENDEAVOR THROUGH NATO HEADQUARTERS TO HAVE THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE ACTED ILLEGALLY IN THESE MATTERS REMOVED. MSI DEPUTY TREMAGLIA, WHILE MAKING THE STANDARD MSI CHARGE THAT THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF POWER AND GOVERNMENT IN ITALY HAS CORRUPTED ALL IN EVERY DIRECTION, NOTED THAT THE CIA DOES NOT OPERATE ALONE IN ITALY BUT IS ALSO IN THE COMPANY OF THE SOVIET KGB. LEFTWING DC DEPUTY MARCHETTI CRITICIZED AMERICAN MULTI-NATIONALS AND EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE GOI'S STATEMENTS ON THESE MATTERS THUS FAR. DC DEPUTY PICCOLI, RECOGNIZING THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES MAY HAVE POSITIVE ASPECTS, ADDED "ONE CANNOT CLEAN ONE'S OWN HOUSE WHILE PERMITTING UNCONTROLLED NEWS AND UNVERIFIED ACCUSATIONS, HARMFUL TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO FILTER THROUGH." PICCOLI ADDED "ITALY IS NOT A SATELLITE OF THE UNITED STATES AND DOES NOT WANT EVER TO BECOME ONE. IT IS A

FREE AND INDEPENDENT COUNTRY AND NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO
INTERFERE IN OUR AFFAIRS." BEAUDRY

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